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## Patuxent Riverkeeper News and Events

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### Greetings!

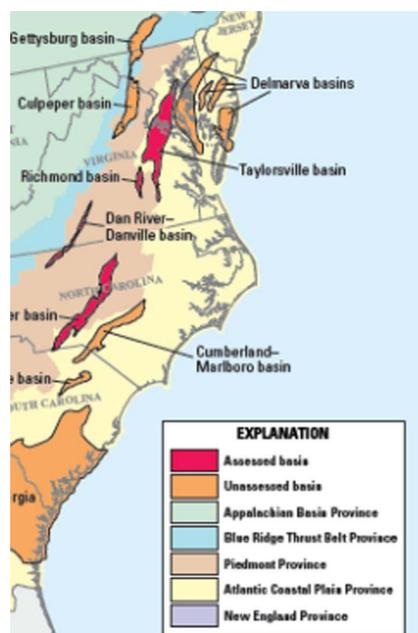
Here are some events and notes of interest to the Patuxent Riverkeeper community. Please let us know of any errors that should be corrected. We invite suggested additions to future advisory calendars. If you know of upcoming events that should be listed in these advisories, please let us know about them: [info@paxriverkeeper.org](mailto:info@paxriverkeeper.org).

### Community Dialogue about Natural Gas Hydrolic Fracturing in Southern Maryland

November 13, 2012 @ 7pm  
Prince Frederick Library; 850 Costley Way; Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Join residents plus representatives from the Natural Gas Industry, geologists, legislators, community advocates and others to better understand the science, policy and environmental implications of potential natural gas extraction in Southern Maryland. This community dialogue is hosted by Patuxent Riverkeeper, Food and Water Watch, St. Mary's Watershed Association, The Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust and the Prince Frederick Library.

RSVP to ensure sufficient room space to:  
[info@paxriverkeeper.org](mailto:info@paxriverkeeper.org)



### Last Call for Bonus Tax Credits!

Tax Credits... Get enhanced tax credit on your Maryland state taxes! Donate to support the Patuxent Water Trail. Donations totaling \$500 or more within the same taxable year are eligible for Community Investment Tax Credits worth an added 50% deduction from your state income tax bill. Our allotment of these credits expires in just a few weeks. Reserve yours early as we have a finite amount of tax credits the state will allow us to offer to our members! Can't afford \$500 this year? No problem, any of your donations in support of our work are appreciated and are fully deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law.

### Strategic Conservation Planning for Southern Maryland

December 5th, 2012  
10 a.m to 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust, The Trust for Public Land and Defenders of Wildlife invite you to participate in a historic collaborative workshop on landscape-level strategic conservation planning for southern Maryland. This workshop will bring together land preservation and conservation entities: nonprofit organizations and public agencies in the five counties that traditionally comprise southern Maryland (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St Mary's), as well as State, Federal and regional entities. Organizations will share their land preservation priorities with each other, and will see how multiple plans fit together to preserve the unique landscape of southern Maryland. We will explore how we can work together to integrate multiple programs, plans and policies in order to create a connected network of natural and agricultural land that protects ecological, agricultural, recreational and scenic resources.

At the workshop we will:

- \* Identify shared priority areas
- \* Identify gaps in connectivity of planned preserved areas
- \* Discuss opportunities for partnerships to facilitate land preservation goals
- \* Discuss ideas for funding land transactions.

All participants are encouraged (but not required) to provide visual representations, or other descriptions, of their land preservation priorities to share with the group. Registrants will be sent details on digital file types.

The workshop is free of charge, but registration is required. Please RSVP as soon as possible to [registration@patuxent-tidewater.org](mailto:registration@patuxent-tidewater.org). Questions? contact Susan Charkes, at [sdcc@patuxent-tidewater.org](mailto:sdcc@patuxent-tidewater.org). Directions and a full agenda will be sent to registrants.

### Hurricane Sandy Spills Millions of Gallons of Sewage into the Little Patuxent River

At the height of Hurricane Sandy's winds, flooding and power outages, millions of gallons of sewage were spilled into the Little Patuxent River from Howard County's Little Patuxent Water Reclamation Plant in Savage. As much as two million gallons of sewage per hour discharged for approximately 11 hours while work crew labored to restore power to the plant. The plant is located roughly a half-mile east of Route 1 and Route 32.

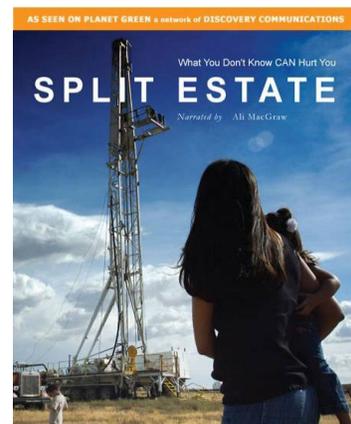
The main stem of the river was affected with the bulk of the overflow, and residents were asked to avoid the Little Patuxent south of Route 32 due to health hazards associated with raw sewage in the river.

### Fall/Winter Environmental Film Series

Get out of the cold while still enjoying and expanding your knowledge about nature. Patuxent Riverkeeper in partnership with Fairhaven School will be hosting series of screenings of environmental films. Check our [website](#) for dates and times. Suggested donation of \$3 to cover sites fees.

Planned films:

- Gasland: a 2010 American documentary film written and directed by Josh Fox. The film focuses on communities in the United States impacted by natural gas drilling and, specifically, a method of horizontal drilling into shale formations known as slickwater fracking.
- Split Estate: Imagine discovering that you don't own the mineral rights under your land, and that an energy company plans to drill for natural gas two hundred feet from your front door. Imagine having little recourse, other than accepting an unregulated industry in your backyard. Split Estate maps a tragedy in the making, as citizens in the path of a new drilling boom in the Rocky Mountain West struggle against the erosion of their civil liberties, their communities and their health.
- The Last Mountain: The Last Mountain tells the story of the fight for Coal River Mountain in West Virginia, where community members and environmental activists are pitted against a coal company in the struggle to save one of the last large mountain ranges in the area from mountaintop removal.
- Trashed: In the new docu-feature TRASHED, a Blenheim Films production, produced and directed by British filmmaker Candida Brady (Madam and the Dying Swan), which has been selected to receive a Special Screening at the Cannes Film Festival this month, Irons sets out to discover the extent and effects of the global waste problem, as he travels around the world to beautiful destinations tainted by pollution. This is a meticulous, brave investigative journey that takes Irons (and us) from scepticism to sorrow and from horror to hope. Brady's narrative is



vividly propelled by an original score created by Academy Award winning composer Vangelis.

- **Unwasted: The Future of Business on Earth:** a documentary focusing on the future of Zero Waste as a key element of sustainable business. The documentary features interviews with industry leaders, policy-makers, activists, scientists and business professionals from the Pacific Northwest region, including several with CleanScapes staff, as well as functional tips to help individuals and businesses adapt.

### Navy Pays Penalties for Violations

The U.S. Navy has agreed to pay a \$38,500 penalty to settle alleged hazardous waste violations at the Naval Air Station Patuxent River, located at 22268 Cedar Point Road in Patuxent River, Maryland. Following an EPA inspection, the U.S. Navy was cited for allegedly failing to determine whether waste was hazardous, failing to maintain aisle space to allow for the movement of personnel and fire protection equipment, failing to conduct weekly inspections of waste containers for leaks and deterioration, failing to mark each container with a date and whether it contained hazardous waste, failing to keep hazardous waste containers closed during storage, and failing to properly maintain leak detection and spill prevention equipment on underground storage tanks. The violations were found in 11 buildings including: the public works transportation, the hazmat warehouse, the Webster field annex, hangar, fleet readiness center, and the materials lab.

### First Annual Symposium on Environmental Justice and Health Disparities in Maryland and DC

December 1, 2012 9am-4pm

University of Maryland-College Park Student Union

Sponsored by: Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health and the Program on Community Engagement, Environmental Justice, and Health (CEEJH)

Topics include:

- Environmental Justice in the Chesapeake Bay
- Food Injustice and Health Disparities
- Traffic, Air Pollution, and Respiratory Health Disparities
- Maryland Health Disparities Reduction Act
- Community Capacity-Building and Empowerment

For more information, please contact: Dr. Sacoby Wilson at [swilson2@umd.edu](mailto:swilson2@umd.edu)

Here is the link to the registration page: <http://www.ceejh.org/symposium>

### Yard Waste in Prince George's County



Prince George's County Council recently passed Council Bill: 87-2012. The legislation will ban the use of plastic bags for disposal of yard waste in Prince George's County. It means residents will have to bag leaf and waste in biodegradable bags. In addition to being a green alternative, the plastic bags were previously shredded along with the leafy waste they contained and then the shards would blow from the county facility into the neighboring parklands and river natural resource areas. Prince George's is working toward finalizing its 10 year solid waste plan which will likely be released to the public as soon as January. Various

environmental groups hope to see the county take concrete steps towards zero waste and improved and more sustainable waste management.

### Help us Help You and the Patuxent!

Donate and/or volunteer now to support the grassroots independent voice for water quality in Maryland's longest and deepest intrastate tributary. You can make a donation online and there are also three ways for you to save money while supporting your Patuxent Riverkeeper. Call (301-249-8200 x7) or email ([info@paxriverkeeper.org](mailto:info@paxriverkeeper.org)) for more information on any of these exciting ways to help support this important work:

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- **Tax deductions for boats...** Do tax breaks float your boat? Donate your floatable functioning boat to Patuxent Riverkeeper for a tax deduction for the full sales price. With boat sales sluggish due to an even more sluggish economy, many seeking to sell a boat are having a difficult time doing so. Donate it to Patuxent Riverkeeper instead so you can take advantage of a tax deduction for the appraised value. We work with local Marinas and national boat brokers to recondition and resell these boats under favorable terms. Various criteria and conditions apply. Call us for more information.
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